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Mr. Christopher Cox
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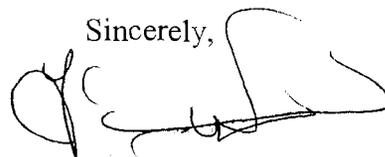
Re: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Advisory Panel
Recommendation

Dear Chairman Cox:

I read with interest the recommendation made by the advisory panel to SEC's Advisory Committee on Smaller Public Companies contained in the December 10th Washington Post article. As a member of the Board of Directors of three (3) public companies that would fall under the recommended exemption, I whole-heartedly support the position of the advisory panel. All three (3) of these companies are seriously considering deregistration in order to avoid the unwarranted costs involved in future compliance. In addition, recruiting new board members is becoming increasingly difficult, if not impossible, for smaller public companies.

I do not believe that deregistration is in the best interest of the public nor of the smaller companies. This, in effect, will limit access to the capital markets and will ultimately be to the detriment of the public in general. I sincerely hope that the commission will seriously consider and act affirmative on the advisory panel's recommendations.

Sincerely,



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